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GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR ALDRICH

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: FACILITIES NEGOTIATIONS: MEETING WITH MINISTER ADDERLEY

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1. IN MEETING WITH MIN EX AFFAIRS ADDERLEY ON MAY 19
I DELIVERED ASST. SECRETARY TODMAN'S LETTER CONTAINED
REFTEL. IN HANDING HIM LETTER I TOLD HIM OF OUR PLEASURE
IN BEING ABLE TO INFORM HIM THAT AMBASSADOR ALDRICH WOULD
BE ASSUMING LEADERSHIP OF U.S. DELEGATION FOR MILITARY
FACILITIES NEGOTIATIONS. ADDERLEY REACTED WITH VISABLE AND
GENUINE PLEASER AT THIS ANNOUNCEMENT AND STATED "HOW DID
YOU KNOW THAT'S WHAT I WANTED."

2. I THEN INFORMED HIM THAT WE WISHED TO PROCEED WITH
THE NEGOTIATIONS PREFERABLE IN WASHINGTON DURING
PERIOD MAY 30-JUNE 2. STATING THAT JUNE 2 WAS BAHAM-
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IAN HOLIDAY PLUS FACT THAT THIS WAS RATHER SHORT
NOTICE, HE INDICATED THAT THIS WAS UNACCEPTABLE. I
THEN SUGGESTED WEEK OF JUNE 12 TO WHICH HE AGREED
"UNLESS SOMETHING UNFORESEEN HAPPENS" TO PREVENT
IT. (ALTHOUGH I DID NOT SPECIFICALLY ASK IF HE
WOULD BE LEADING BAHAMIAN DELEGATION HE DID INDI-
CATE THAT HE HAD NO OBJECTION TO GOING TO WASHINGTON

AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR "BUT IF IT WERE IN DECEMBER" HE MIGHT FEEL OTHERWISE. WE ALSO WERE ABLE TO SETTLE UPON THE DATES OF JULY 5-7 IN NASSAU FOR FOLLOW UP DISCUSSION WHICH I SUGGESTED SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET INTO SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES.

3. MINISTER ADDERLEY INITIALLY RAISED THE QUESTION WITH ME, WHEN I STARTED TALKING ABOUT DATES, THAT HE THOUGHT WE WERE PLANNING MARITIME BOUNDARY NEGOTIATIONS IN JUNE. I INDICATED THAT WE NEEDED SOME TIME TO COORDINATE A SPECIFIC POSITION AND IT WOULD BE JULY AT THE EARLIEST BEFORE WE WOULD BE READY ON THAT ISSUE. ADDERLEY SAID THAT IT SUITED HIM JUST AS WELL TO GO AHEAD WITH THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS NOW. (THIS ACTUALLY SURPRISED ME BECAUSE I THOUGHT HE MIGHT WANT TO PROCEED WITH MARITIME BOUNDARIES BEFORE BASE NEGOTIATIONS. I STILL THINK THAT ADDERLEY WILL WANT THE TWO ISSUES TO GO ALONG MORE OR LESS CONCURRENTLY OR CERTAINLY TO HAVE SOME FAIRLY DEFINITIVE IDEAS ON MARITIME BOUNDARIES BEFORE HE GETS INTO FINAL STAGES ON BASE NEGOTIATIONS.)

4. WHEN I GAVE ADDERLEY THE MEMORANDUM OF LAW ON THE U.S. FOREIGN CLAIMS ACT, HE SAID THAT THIS WAS JUST ONE OF THE ISSUES WHICH WAS RAISED DURING THE LAST SESSION ON BASES AND INDICATED THAT THERE

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WERE QUESTIONS ABOUT A COUPLE OF OTHER THINGS AS WELL.

5. WE URGE THE DEPARTMENT TO RESPOND PROMPTLY CONCERNING THESE DATES IN ORDER THAT WE CAN CONFIRM IN WRITING TO THE MINISTER BEFORE SOMETHING ELSE PRE-EMPTS THEM.

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